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#### WASHINGTON THE WINNER.

The letter which Mr. W. E. Schmertz as President of the Chamber of Commerce has written to Mr. James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, may not prove palatable to New Yorkers, but it contains several chunks of truth that they may study with profit. THE DISPATCH has already taken the position upon the question of the site for the World's Fair of 1892 that Washington is the best fitted in every way for the honor Mr Schmertz's views are in accord with those of Tue DISPATCH. He states them forcibly, as he does his views as to the good results of the fair to the trade and commerce of the United States. Mr. Schmertz is not in favor of launching the Exposition on private subscriptions. He thinks that as it is to be an exhibition of the United States' resources the expense thereof should be borne by the National Treasury. In the surplus he sees sufficient funds to make the Exposition a success be-

nation. As we have said New York will do well to give heed to the growing sentiment now being generally expressed in favor of Washington as the site of the Exposition. When Congress comes to the consideration of the question, for it is evident that no plan is likely to succeed without the backing of Congress, the claims of New York will have to be presented in a far stronger fashion than they have been so far to win the day for her. Washington is decidedly in the lead at present, though New York must be given the credit of making strenuous efforts to se-

youd all peradventure, and worthy of the

### SECRETARY WINDOM'S DUTY.

While the Wall street organs are indulging in glowing pictures of the influences which are to put up the prices of stock, the fact that there is a considerable movement of funds away from New York, and that the New York bank reserve is steadily drifting in a direction which may produce a stringency furnishes the danger spot in the financial situation. The Wall street influences are of the opinion that when the reserve reaches the vicinity of the legal limit it will be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to buy bonds and thus which to keep up the bull movement.

This opinion is reflected in some news-

papers outside of Wall street in a modified

form as expressed by the Philadelphia Press. which states that it is not the business of the Treasury to rush to the aid of Wall street every time its speculators see fit to raise a hue and cry; but that in case of a real business stringency, where the Secretary of the Treasury can give relief by the purchase of bonds, it is right and proper that he should do so. This does not draw the distinction quite clearly enough. The Secretary of the Treasury should understand that he has no responsibility whatever with the embarrassment of the New York stock market that may be created by the speculators, nor is it his duty to aid those gentry in their efforts to put up the prices of stocks. But if the movement of money should result in reducing the price of United States bonds from its present excessive premium, it might be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, in the interest of the Government, to buy bonds at a price which would

represent a distinct saving to the Treasury. The importance of this distinction appears from the statement, on good financial authority, that a group of notorious speculators of the trust stamp have bought up a large amount of bonds and expect to sell them to the United States Treasury this fall at an advance. That is not the movement which should take place in order to make it right for the Secretary to invest the Treasury's surplus in bonds. If the money market becomes stringent, the New York interests should be ready to sell bonds at a decline. Under those circumstances, it will undoubtedly be for the benefit of the public that the treasury should buy a liberal

amount of its own securities. The treasury should be run for the benefit of the whole people, and should be kept distinetly separate from any connection with the schemes or manipulations of the Wall street speculators.

A WHOLESALE CORRECTION. It will be an uncommonly great blessing to this community if the proceedings in Court at present pending against certain private detectives result in an appreciable decrease in the numbers of that class of indiscriminately and often illegally constituted police. There is no good reason why the police force supported by the taxpayers should not be competent to protect the lives and property of all. That is what a police force is designed to do, and if it fails conspicuously in its duty the taxpayers have the remedy in their own hands, or ought to have if they attend to their business on

The private detective has been of considerable service, we admit, in not a few cases. If his integrity and qualifications were always beyond question there would be less necessity for his removal. But the experience has certainly been in Pittsburg and elsewhere of late that righteousness is a rather scarce article at the private detective agencies. So the system of detection by private means has come to another name for systematic blackmail and other hardly less disagreeable things. It is a private abuse of public power that cannot be allowed to continue.

# THE MAYBRICK CASE.

The news that Mrs. Maybrick's death sentence has been commuted into one of peplease anyone. No one who has read the of Wales \$50,000, probably as a compensa evidence given at the trial and the subsequent testimony as to Mr. Maybrick's habit of eating arsenic can have the temerity to say that there was not a considerable element of doubt in the case. Very properly Home Secretary Mathews in the exercise of the nominally royal prerogative, has extended to the unhappy woman a certain measure of mercy. In spite of the official announcement that no further appeal for mitigation of punishment or absolute release will be entertained, it is still possible for Mrs. Maybrick's friends to bring forward the new evidence which has been collected since the verdict and launch a new appeal to the press and public, without whose help in all probability, the gallows would have claimed Mrs. Maybrick as a

The process by which Home Secretary Mathews arrived at his decision to commute Mrs. Maybrick's sentence, as described in the cable dispatches, will appear peculiar to American eyes. After a prolonged consultation between the Secretary and many eminent lawyers-the great point of discussion being the conflicting medical testimony as to the amount of arsenic found in Mr. Maybrick's body being enough to cause death-the unanimous opinion was reached that Mrs. Maybrick had given poison to her husband with intent to kill. We may conclude from this that Mr. Mathews and his legal advisers were convinced that Mrs. Maybrick had poisoned her husband feloniously, that he had died afterward with the symptoms of arsenical poisoning, but that Mrs. Maybrick, nevertheless, did not deserve hanging. With these convictions, we do not understand how this queerly constituted court of appeal did not allow the death sentence to stand.

The strongest impressions made by this cause celebre upon the thinking public of both countries seem to be that the English practice by which the judge usurps the function of ecunsel in his charge to the jury is barbarous, and that of not permitting the prisoner accused of murder to testify in his or her own behalf is hardly less so. Judge Stevens in his summing up of the case was not impartial, and in this country that fact would surely have been deemed sufficient reason for a new trial. English procedure in marder trials is pretty certain to be radieally reformed as a result of the Maybrick

### SPEAK-EASIES AND UNCLESAM.

The gentry who are engaged in the profitable if precarious business of selling liquor without a license are threatened with an attack from a new quarter. Probably they will be loth to believe that Uncle Sam's officers have at last become officially aware of their existence. More than once before, the conductors of "speak-easies" will say to themselves, have we been threatened with prosecution under the Federal laws if we did not take out internal revenue licenses, and yet we have not been molested to this

Perhaps the "speak-easies" are justified in believing that they are safe from attack by the United States officers. But we think that they are not, if the assertion be true that Collector S. D. Warmcastle has said that he means to compel all "speak-easy" transgressors to pay the tax or incur the penalty in the Federal courts. Mr. Warmcastle will have his hands full, but he is not the sort of man to worry about that. He can make the cheerful fall a season of great bitterness for the "speak-easy" crowd. Their troubles will not stop with the payment of the Federal tax or their punishment in the United States Courts for refusing to pay. The receipt for the tax or the record of the proceedings in the Federal court against an unlicensed liquor dealer would seem to be pretty fair prima facie evidence for the State authorities to take as a basis for further prosecutions. Altogether the unlicensed saloon keeper is not happily circumstanced.

THE Chinese colony in New York is going to build a theater especially for their national drama. The Swintien Lok Company which has been giving performances of Chinese plays in New York, has a list on its programme of one hundred and seventytwo distinct dramas. It will take several years to give these plays, and New York managers on this account have declined to

It is understood that the liberty of the city, a suitable number of laurel crowns and bouquets to match will be presented to the Allegheny Baseball Club when it returns from its triumphal tour.

lesse their theaters to the Chinese actors.

THE great McAllister's fame is fast vanishing. He is no longer entitled to the glory of having invented the term, "The Four Hundred." The New York Herald has already explained how it used that phrase twenty-nine years ago; and now industrious inquiry has evoked the fact that Lord Byron was the original author in these lines taken from "Beppo:" 'The rest are but a vulgar set, the bore

Of public places where they safely brave The fashionable stare of twenty score Of well-bred persons called the world,

ATLANTIC CITY may be a good place to go to to procure material for lectures on morality, but it is not a good place in which to deliver lectures on that subject. A gentleman who undertook to show four young ladies the error of their ways on the sands there a day or two ago was thrown into the surf with his clothes on, and then rolled in the sand till he resembled a demoralized

SARAH ALTHEA TERRY wants to be buried beside her husband. Her desire would meet with no opposition, even if she were to put herself in proper condition to fulfill it at once.

THE Shah of Persia seems to be a good deal like a chameleon. While he was visiting the Czar of Russia his sympathies and utterances were alike violently pro-Russian; but English fetes and feastings soon converted the Eastern potentate, and he has since announced his intention of bringing about a closer relationship with England. But the truth of the matter is that the Shah is not perfidious so much as he is a Persian striving to save his country from being crushed between two great

powers. MINNEAPOLIS seems to be going to the dogs. At least that city in her recent efforts to convince the world of her abounding prosperity, and the growth of her population is accused of including the names ot dogs in her directory. "Cave canem," would seem to be a good motto to print on the title page of the directories of Western

NEW YORK is monopolizing the big scandals just now. The Fair of 1892 is

tion for the unsympathetic attitude of the House of Commons upon the question of increasing that royal personage's allowance. There are probably plenty of Tory toad-eaters in England who would be glad to be allowed to furnish the Prince with all the money he needs in return for his patronage. Wouldn't it be a good idea for the British taxpayers to let them do it?

THE paternal proposal of the Pennsylvania Railroad to establish a pension fund for its employes is but a part of the enlightened policy which that corporation has pursued for many years toward all in its service. The efficiency of the large army employed by the Pennsylvania is due to a considerable extent to this policy.

THE people of Allegheny do not wish to oun the risk of seeing their homes wiped out by fire oftener than they can help. The oil refinery which is still smoldering will not be rebuilt.

REFERRING to the order that the American flag is to be displayed hereafter on buildings occupied by officials under the Treasury Department during business hours, the Rochester Democrat says: "It might well be raised on every building occupied by a federal officer. It is well to have the emblem of federal power flying in as many places possible." It is well also, eseemed cotemporary, to regard the stars and stripes as the beloved emblem of all the United States.

WE have heard a good deal of the beauti ful moral effect of "The Old Homestead; but it seems to have been lost on the principal actor in that play, Denman Thompson. He is said to have lost \$100,000 this summer at the fare table, and probably the only old homestead that is left to him is on the stage.

SEVEN games straight captured by the whilom fly-bitten ball-tossers of this town provokes the question: What is the matter with Hanlon? Does anybody doubt that he is all right.

WE are afraid Judge Bookstaver, of New York, will not enjoy his vacation very much if the New York World continues to pile up most embarrassing evidence against him in connection with the Flack case. In the interest of the purity and diguity of all law courts throughout the land the apparent perversion of justice in the Flack case should be investigated by the trial of all the parties concerned in the case on a charge of conspiracy.

THE lesson taught as to flimsy iron fire scapes in the recent tenement house fire in New York, is not unworthy the attention of this city's building inspectors. Fire escapes which are liable to be fire traps are worse than none at all.

THE west wind brought a strange an ugubrious sound on its wings last night. Baseball experts recognized in it the echo of Anson's lamentation.

IF nations are to be judged by the charact ter of their pastimes, then England must be declining to its fall. What could be more brutal or degrading than this sentiment expressed by the London Referee, a leading porting journal: "The first duty of a prize ighter is to win by fair means if he can, if not, by foul." It does not better the Referec's position much that this is and always has been the practice with most professional pugilists.

# PEOPLE OF PROMINENCE.

THE Pope has had his large bedroom filled with singing birds. LABOUCHERE may be expected in Ar as soon as Parliament adjourns.

JAY GOULD dropped a penny in the slot the other day and got his correct weight. It was 115 pounds. THE oldest admiral in England is Sir Wallace, aged 98. He was in the fight in 1812

between the Shannon and the Chesapeake, but he never commanded a steam vessel. AUSTRALIA is sending another actress to England, of whom great things are predicted. Miss Myra Kemble is the young woman's name, and she essays the higher walks of the

COLONEL JOEL B. ERHARDT, Collecto the Port of New York, was at a full dress hop at Bar Harbor recently, congratulating him-self upon his escape from office seekers. A gentleman who had just finished a waitz, ap-proached him, entered into a conversation, and finally drew from the pockets of his swallow-tail a huge bundle of letters recommending him for a position in the Custom House.

MR. GLADSTONE'S library at Hawarden i one of the finest private libraries in England. It has more than 20,000 volumes. Mr. Gladstone loans his books out to anyone in th neighborhood who wants to read them Formerly people could keep them as long as they liked, but a few years ago the rule was made that a book could be kept for one month only. It is the regular free library of the dis-

PRINCE HATZFELDT, who, it is reported, is to marry the daughter of C. P. Huntington, is a brother of Count Hatrfeldt, the German Ambassador to London, to which post the Prince was for some time attached as Secretary of Legation. He has made himself con-spicuous principally by running up a heavy list of debts, which there is no immediate prospect of his liquidating. He is said to owe anywhere from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. He is described as tall and fair, with a slight stoop, and very agreeable manners. He is well known among porting men in Europe, and has a passion for betting. He is said to have first met Miss Huntington in Spain, where she has rec been traveling with Mrs. John Sherwood.

# THE BRETHREN NOT UNITED.

War Between Church Factions Results a Number of Arrests.

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CARLISLE, August 22.—A desperate religious fight is in progress at Greencastle, a small town in the upper end of this valley, between two factions of a congregation of United Brethren. One faction forced an entrance to the church on Sunday morning, and held services; since that time they have all been arrested, charged with forcible entry, and have been placed under bail to appear in court.

The other faction broke open the door and held Sunday school exercises. They, too, have been bound over to answer for their alleged trespass. The conflict is looked upon by the people of the town as shameful. Warrants were issued to-day for the arrest of a large number of both factions of the church.

# VERY CLOSE QUARTERS.

Two Little Girls Locked in a Chest and

Nearly Smothered. BETHLEHEM, PA., August 22.—Esther, aged 12, and May, aged 5, children of Letter Carrier Froxel, while playing Monday afternoon in the garret, secreted themselves in an old-fashioned chest. A little girl companion shut down the chest. A little girl companion shut down the lid which closed with a spring lock, and becoming frightened ran home. When the mother came some time after and missed the children she began a search, and heard some one pounding in the big chest.

Unable to open it, as the oldest girl hid the key, she called in a neighbor and broke the lid with an ar. The oldest child was unconscious and the little girl black and blue. The children were resuctiated after much difficulty.

"They must never hear of it in New York another thing altogether.

They would never stop laughing at me." This is what Edison said when he heard that he had been made a count. No doubt his countrymen will pardon him. He couldn't help it. The headed individuals have sent the Prince of honor was thrust upon him,

### THE TOPICAL TALKER.

Why Night Work Given Out by Public School Teachers is Undestrable-Flow-

ers for Busy Places. THE public schools will be tenanted again protty soon, and it is opportune to repeat here the substance of a conversation I had recently with a Pittsburg man who takes considerable terest in educational matters.
"The system of giving out night work to the

The school principals ought to give the matter their attention. As an instance of what I refer to I may tell you of the experience of the children of a neighbor of mine. They are both girls; one aged 10, the other 6 or 7 probably. Naturally the elder is further advanced in her studies than her sister. I happened during May last to see their tasks for home work several times, and I found that they were generally identical in grade. That is to say, the elder girl would have a number of mathematical problems in-volving fractions to solve, and her sister, who had not reached fractions at school, had similar exercises. The result was the elder sister did her own work and her sister's too. The ounger girl would have been punished if she failed to do the home work assigned to her. Of course such a course is foolish, but it is also immoral, for it induces children to practice de-

eption, as in this case.
"The home work does not seem desirable on ther accounts. The children have all the mental exercises they need during school hours. The evenings ought to be theirs for recreations and physical exercise. In a great many cases elder sisters and parents do the home work for the children. This may be good for the former, but I am thinking of the

SAID a lady to me yesterday: "When I was in — 's drygoods store the other day I noticed that nearly every girl to the number of several score in the store had a flower pinned

he bouquets?" It happens that the answer to the question, which I knew not, was given to me later by the donor of the flowers, a lady residing in one of Pittsburg's suburbs. It appears that she takes to the store in question, a very large one, a basket of fresh cut flowers once or oftener each week, and distributes them among the saleswomen and girls. She takes flowers from her own garden, and from the gardens of her friends. You can imagine how gracious her mission seems to the hard-working and often abused women behind the counter. It is a splendld supplement to the grand work done by the Fruit and Flower Mission.

By the way, the Mission, I understand, is not too well provided with means just now, and con-

tributions of flowers and fruit should be sent to the office of the Mission at 59 Fourth ave-

OTHER big-hearted women are also in the habit of taking the bloom and fragrance of rural gardens into dark and stuffy marts of the city. There is hardly a store in the city, I am told, where many of the gentle sex are employed, that has not one of these semi-celestial visitors. But that is no reason why more women should not go into the same benevolent business.

ALTHOUGH it is nearly 30 years ago since Labiche's well-known comedy of "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon" was produced, it was first seen in Paris in 1860, it is still almost as popular in the country of its birth as during its first years of existence. It is somewhat surprising, therefore, that until now no well-known American comedian has added this part to his repertory, for the character is one which appeals to all nationalities and to all times. Slight as the sketch is, Mr. W. H. Crane (who has announced a production of an adaptation of the piece), will find no difficulty in demonstrating within its limits all the artistic skill of which he is capable. But Mr.Crane will not depend on "Papa Perrichon" (as he has christened his adaptation) as the sole fun producer for an evening's entertainment. He will play it in conjunction with a rattling English comedy by Messrs. Darnley and Fenn, entitled, "The Balloon." This amus-ing three-act trifle was produced early this year at the Strand Theater, and was so instant ess that after its run in the metrop was sent out in the English provinces and played by no fewer than six separate organiza-

# THE CONGO RAILROAD.

C. P. Hantington to Consult Belgium's King About the Project. NEW YORE, August 22.-C. P. Huntington sailed on the Teutonic yesterday, and by the merest chance it was learned to night that one

of the objects of his trip is to consult with the King of Belgium about the Congo Railroad enterprise. This project seems to have taken as deep a hold on Huntington as the project of a railroad from Constantinople to India did with Senator Leland Stanford before his son died. Stanford intended to build the Turkey-India road for his son. Huntington it is said. with Senator Leiand Stanford Defore his son died. Stanford intended to build the Turkey-India road for his son. Huntington, it is said, too, intends to build a Congo ralroad for his son, or rather let his son build it. Young Huntington is a six-footer, who has been out of college a couple of years. When C. P. Huntington sold out his Chesapeake and Ohio control to the Vanderbilts a short time since it was with the Congo road in view, and he is going abroad to see about it. It is estimated that the road will cost from \$40,000,000 to 550,000,000 to build and equip it, of which \$6,400,000 has been subscribed, under the auspices of the Belgium Stock Company, which is the great trading concern of the Congo Free State.

The Lower Congo country is in the senjoyment of a complete system of government, which has its headquarters at Brussels, and a full set of resident officials, courts, postoffices, custom houses, standing army, etc. It is the connection of this Lower Congo region with the Upper Congo country for which a railroad is sought. The Upper Congo country has a large population, and a vast trade can be opened up there, of which the Belgians wish to reap the benefit. It is said that Huntington intends, in pursuance of this enterprise, to seil all his interests in this country that lie east of the Mississippi river.

# A WALK AROUND EUROPE.

The Long and Interesting Tramp of Two

From the London Sportsman.)
Mr. Donald Cameron, of Glasgow, and Mr. A Bowman, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, have accom-plished the extraordinary feat of walking around Europe. They commenced their jour-ney at Aberdeen nearly 12 months ago, walking from there to Dover, where they took the steam

from there to Dover, where they took the steam packet to Calais, crossing the Channel, being the only occasion on which they did otherwise than walk. All they took with them was a knapsack each, containing such articles as might be needed during the journey, and a stout walking stuck each.

From Calais they proceeded along through Abbeville, Dieppe and Havre, to Brest, Nantes and Bordeaux, thence through Oporto to Lisbon, Madrid and Barcelona. They then passed through Genoa and Venice to Trieste, and on through the German Empire to Cracow, Moscow and St. Petersburg, returning from the Russian capital via Riga and Dantzic to Norway and Sweden, going through Copenhagen, Stockholm, Christiania to Bergen. Then keeping near the coast line they returned, passing through Amsterdam, Antwerp and Ostend, back to Calais, where they took steamer for Dover and proceeded to London. The two pedestrians were everywhere well received and appeared none the worse for their long walk.

From the Richmond Dispatch. We pity that McKee child. No matter what ise there is in him, he will be Baby McKe

#### DEATHS OF A DAY. Major J. S. Davis.

An Unfortunate Baby.

CHICAGO, August 22.—Major J. S. Davis, Department Commander of the G. A. R. of Nebrasks died in this city to-day from dropsy, superinduce by a wound received at the Battle of Gettysbur by a wound received at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Major Davis was an officer in a New York regiment, and when discharged for disability removed to Wahoo, Neb., where he has since resided and been engaged in the newspaper burdness. Grand Army services under the direction of Department Commander Martin, of Illinois, and his staff will be held in this city to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the body will be taken to New York for interment. The pallbearers will be General J. S. Martin, Colonei James A. Sexton, H. S. Dietrith, L. P. McKenny, Charles A. Partridge and Fred W. Spinks.

Jacob Miller SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCE.

CANTON. Angust 22.—Jacob Miller, Superintendess of the Aultman Agricultural Works here, and Fresident of the Aultman-Miller Works, of Akron, died at his house here last night, aged 62. Death resulted from paralysis of the brain caused by overwork. Mr. Miller was one of the leading sethodists of the country, and was a liberal contributor to the church. He and his brother Lewis, with Dr. Vincent, founded the Chautauqua Sunday School Assembly and were its chief natives.

TEN THOUSAND TICKETS WANTED.

The Veterans Will be Out in Full Force on Pennayivania Day.

HARRISBURG, August 22.-The work HARRISBUBG, August 22.—The work incident to the furnishing of transportation to Gettysburg on Pennsylvania Monument Day, to soidiers who participated in the three days fight, has thus far required the services of Colonel D. S. Keller, of Bellefonte, and three clerks for several weeks. An additional force was pressed into service to-day, owing to the large number of applications received for free transportation under the act appropriating \$50,000. Every mail brings hundreds of applications, and up to this transportation under the act appropriating \$50,000. Every mail brings hundreds of applications, and up to this time about 400 have been recorded. In a few days the business will be so shaped as to enable a proper application to be disposed of 24 hours after its receipt. Blank applications for transportation, prepared by the Gettyaburg Commission, having charge of the dedicatory ceremonies, have been furnished to secretaries of the several regiments that participated in the battle and by them distributed among the veterans. Many blanks have also been sent to individuals on request by the department here. Every inquiry has been answered, either by letter or circular, as promptly as possible. Eleven hundred applications were received yesterday, besides a large number of miscellaneous letters. Tenthousand is a conservative estimate of the number of applications that will be received before Pennsylvania day.

On the receipt of an application the record of the soldier therein is immediately compared with the official records here. If entitled to transportation, an order on the railroad company for a ticket is at once forwarded. Each ticket furnished by the railroad company for a ticket is at once forwarded. Each ticket furnished by the railroad company on the order of the Adjutant General will have to be signed by the person entitled to receive it, and it will not be good for return passage unless the holder identifies himself as the original holder to the satisfaction of General Hastings or his authorized agent at Gettysburg, where the holder will again be required to sign the ticket. The veterans will be provided with State tents during their stay at Gettysburg, and no expense will be entailed on them except for putsing up the canvas.

### SITE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Charles A. Dana Chosen as Chairman of th New York Committee.

New York, August 22.—The Committee or site and Buildings of the World's Fair met this Site and Buildings of the World's Fair met this afternoon in the Governor's room, City Hall, and organized by the election of officers and the appointment of an executive committee of seven. There were but two members of the committee absent—James Gordon Bennett and Joseph Pulitzer. D. Willis named Roswell P. Flower for chairman, and Andrew H. Green followed in a brief address nominating Charles A. Dana—the gentleman from whose brain the idea of holding a fair first emanated, and whose pen and purso has since been actively engaged in giving the plan his able support. Ex-Mayor in giving the plan his able support. Ex-Mayor Grace seconded this nomination, as did also hir. Flower, who withdrew his name in doing air. Flower, who withdrew his name in doing so. Mr. Dana attempted to speak, but his election was made by acclamation, and, before he could be heard, he was escorted to the chair. "Gentlemen of the committee," said he, "I am profoundly grateful to you for the confidence and the unanimity with which you have received my nomination. The gentlemen who named me were my candidates, but as I cannot be gratified by the selection of either of them I thank you for the honor conferred on me."

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John Foord was made Secretary and an Executive Committee of seven was named which
shall receive plans and report to the full committee. Apropos of a proposed Committee on
Sites, Mr. R. P. Flower said that no sub-committee should be appointed, but that each
member of the whole committee should consider himself a committee of one and examine
sites, so as that each man will have a thorough
knowledge of every site suggested. W. W.
Astor, speaking on the subject of a site, reviewed all the facilities necessary, and said
that everything considered the site would be
found, not on New York Island, but in West
Chester county, on both sides of which there
are large parks bounded by the necessary
water front. A motion to instruct the Executive Committee not to consider any proposition
for the selection of a site in Central Park was
characterized as unnecessary, and premature
and was laid on the table.

### THOSE ORSTINATE YANKEES.

Recent Occurrences Which Show How Well They Love Law Suits.

BANGOR, August 22.-Maine countrymen ar great lovers of litigation and argument, and nothing tickles them better than a long and adly mixed-up law suit. They will go about anything, from a tin kettle up, and when their cases come to trial the whole countryside turns out to witness the legal fray. A case which was tried in Somerset country a few years ago, wherein the issue at stake was the owner ship of a pair of steelyards. The contestants fought tooth and nall through several terms of court, appeals, postponements and continuances stretching the dispute over many months of time, while the lawyers' bills reached alarming proportions. Finally a level-headed Judge, when the jury declared themselves unable to determine which man owned the steelyards, threw the case out of court and then called for the apparatus in question.

"Mr. Sheriff," cried His Honor, "I want you to take these steelyards and throw them into the middle of the Kennebec river." The officer did as directed, and that ended the celebrated case.

did as directed, and that ended the celebrated case.

In the town of Winn, Penobscot county, the other day, a backwoods lawyer sued another ruralist for the sum of \$12, the same, he claimed, being due for hay, legal advice, and an accordion. After a long and exhaustive hearing of the case the presiding Justice decided that there was the sum of 11 cents due the plaintiff, but whether for hay, legal advice, or the accordion he did not state. As 11 cents will buy neither accordion nor hay, the inference is that the defendant owed for 11 cents worth of law. Both parties objected to the decision, and the case will go to a higher court.

There is a man in Houlton jail for debt who There is a man in Houlton jail for deet who owns a farm worth \$800 and receives a peusion. He could pay his way out, but he won't. He says the farm belongs to his wife, and that his pension money is needed by his family. The creditor has made provision in his will for the debtor's board, and swears that he will have to pay up or die in jail.

# TABITIAN NATIVES IN NEW YORK. Delegation of Copper-Colored People

From the New York Sun.1 From the New York Sun.1

The delegation sent out by the Government of Tahiti Island to represent the industries of that island at the Paris Exposition returned on La Normandie yesterday. There were eleven in the party, four of them women, and their copper-hued complexions and broad-brimmed hats of roughly woven straw made them conspicuous among the throng on the French line vier.

pier.

The French Government defrayed all the expenses of their trip to Paris, and yesterday afternoon the French Consul secured tickets for the transportation of the party to their native island. They will go to San Francisco and take the mail steamer there. None of the party speak Euglish.

A Singular Omission. From the Boston Herald.] The new State of Washington's seal is chaste and appropriate. A simple vignette of Washing ton fills the bill, but where's the little hatchet

St. PAUL PIONEER PRESS.-Where is Mrs. Frank Leslie now? The Queen of Siam wears toily in wedding ceremonies will be practiced by a young couple in Paris. They are to be married on the top of the Eiffel Tower.

WHEELING REGISTER.-A Berlin professo says that constant piano practice will ruin the health of any girl. The girl, however, can probably stand it better than her neighbors. Boston Globe.-What's the use of talking about Boston's "surplus women?" The women are not surplus. They are the greatest akis many men have found in disposing of the surplus.

DETROIT FREE PRESS.—Chicago has named a statue in honor of Isabella of Spain, if it se-cures the World's Fair. Ferd seems to be quite forgotten, but he never was much more than the husband of his wife. PHILADELPHIA TIMES .- American girls who

marry foreigners with real titles generally vote themselves big fools in a short time. The girls who get stuck on bogus counts and lords, however, don't know enough to go in doors when it rains. down a flight of stairs, striking her head on a cement floor, escaped injury by wearing her hair thickly braided. Instead of feeling grateful to her hair, she has been up-braiding it ever since the accident,

Normistown Herallo.—The latest "lad," it is stated, among young women who play the plane, is to accompany themselves with an initiation of a cornet produced by a peculiar buszing sound through the lips. If the young women aforesaid have abandoned all hopes of annexing husbands, they can afford to indulge in such a "fad."

A PECULIAR PEOPLE.

The Smallest and Oldest Religious Sect in the World-A Community of Samaritans in the Heart of the Mohammedan Conn

try-Slogular Religious Views. There is to be found in the heart of the small city of Nabius, in North Palestine, a little religious community—now numbering about 150 souls—which has defied the ravages of war and poverty and oppression nearly 3,000 years. Unlike the Vaudoia, these Samaritans have had no friendly system of mountainbuttresses to defend them through the centuries; and still more unlike the long-lived Savoyard Protestants, they have been right in the pathway along which the devastating armies have marched back and forth from the time of Sargon to Napoleon. But they have lived on, and their unity has never been broken. They have clung to little Nablus and their sucred Mount Gerisim, says Rev. John F. Hurst, D. D., in an article in Harper's for September, as the very There is to be found in the heart of the small cle in Harper's for September, as the very cactus roots to the granite sides of the somber

Ebal that confronts them across their little enchanted valley.

The feeling with which the present Samaritans regard the Mohammedans is of that intense bitterness which they have always manifested toward the Jews. And why not? Does not the Samaritan date his faith from Abraham, or rather from Adam? and has he not a right to call that an infant religion which has been in existence for only the trifle of 12 centuries? Is not the Koran one of your new catchpenny romances, while that mysterious copy of the Pentateuch, made of sacred lambakins, which the Samaritans have been reading and kissing through these many ages, is the oldest copy in existence, written down by Aaron's own grandson, and the veritable original of all the Pentateuchs in the world?

As the population of Nabius is just about 12,000, the little Samaritan community is almost absorbed by the surrounding Mohammedan mass. Save to a careful observer, the very existence and presence of the Samaritans as a distinct element of citizenship in Nablus would not be noticed. The Samaritans wear a neighbors, but between the history and theology of the two classes there is not a single

ogy of the two classes there is not a single point of positive resemblance.

The Samaritan synagogue is a small building in the center of Nablus, half obscured by the surrounding dwellings. I passed through arched and littered streets to a little court, in the middle of which was a little plot of grass, relieved by three trees, two of which were lemon. I here found a little Samaritan school, and at the sight of a stranger the children sprang from the floor where they were sitting, kissed my hand, and begged for backsheesh. The teacher was a youth of about 14, the son of Amram the high priest. I was greatly disappointed at failing to find Amram himself, but in the end this circumstance aided me in my chief object, for the young man was willing, for a good fee, to show me the ancient Pentateuch. His father might have been deaf to all entreaties.

A Very Aucient Volume.

A Very Ancient Volume.

The claim of the Samaritans to have a copy of the Pentateuch older than the Jewish is supported by their own unbroken tradition, and by the opinion of some learned men of the present time in Christian countries. But the weight of internal evidence is against it—among which may be mentioned grammatical emendations, late glosses in the text, insertions of foreign passages, alterations, Samaritanisms, and changes in support of Samaritan doctrine. There are three codices kept in the little synagogue in Nablus, two being generally shown

There are three codices kept in the little synagogue in Nablus, two being generally shown to strangers. It is very rarely that the veritatable one can be seen. My good fortune in getting a hasty look at it was due to the venturous and avaricious spirit of Amram's son, rather than to any management of my own. Having first exhibited the two imitations, the young man, upon the offer of an additional fee, then brought out the original scroll from a chest. After the removal of the red satin cover I saw that the codex was inclosed in a silver cylindrical case, which had two doors opening on two sets of hinges. When these doors were thrown back the whole column was exposed to the vision. This cylinder is of rich workmanship. It is about 2½ feet long and nearly a foot in diameter, and presents in exquisitely raised work, a good plan of the Tabernacle, with every part given with the utmost minuteness and rarest skill. The roil consists of dingy skins—prepared before the invention of parchment—sewed together with neat stitches, and worn and patched, and here and there entirely illegible. The skins are of equal size, and measure each 25 inches long and 15 wide.

An Evening at Amram's House

Before leaving Nablus I had the opportunity of spending an evening with Amram at his own house. He lived in the greatest simplicity, though in Palestine that is the rule rather than the exception. Mrs. El Karey, the wife of the Church Missionary Society of London, was good enough to accompany me and serve as in-terpreter. The venerable high priest, who was harefooted, and clad in a great turban and loose flowing robe, received us with calm and dignified cordiality in his room—at once his parior, dining room and bedroom. His very aged mother was lying on the floor, covered with bedciothing, and asleep. Here were several children, half asleep, lying about the room. Amram's son-in-law was slowly copying a Pentateuch—for the Samaritans have no printing press. It requires a year to make a copy, which is never sold, and is only used by the community. The aged mother of Amram arose after we had been present a few minutes, the many ornaments on her neck and in her ears making a harsh, tinkling sound as she moved. I was invited to a seat on the floor, and to take coffee and cigarettes. The mother, on seeing guests in her presence, took a rude bellows and blew up the dull coals under the copper kettle. Coffee, the Oriental's unfailing proof of hospitality, was handed us in little cups. barefooted, and clad in a great turban and

The Samaritan Theology.

The peculiar yiews of Amram may be said to represent very fairly the theology of his dying community. The world, he claimed, is about 7.000 years old. For 55 years men will go on increasing in wickedness, after which there will come a time of great peace and purity. Then there will come on a new period of consum-mate wickedness, which will last 300 years. This mate wickedness, which will last 300 years. This time will be consummated by the total destruction of the world. After this the general judgment will take place, when the righteous will go to live with God and the wicked with Satan. There are some people who have clean hearts, or at least are accepted as clean, though none are absolutely pure. Just here Amrani looked off, as if in the distance, and said, "God is one!" Here he intended a slight thrust at all Christians, because of their emphasis on Christ and His divine character.

He spoke with interest of the ruins on Mt. Gerizim, and of the increase of his community within the last 30 years. He closed by expresswhen the Samaritans would be the most numerous body in the world.

Amram has since died, and the sedate son-in-law, being the eldest male relative, has succeeded him in the high-priesthood.

# FUNERALS IN VENICE.

Touching and Romantic Procession Gondolas Bearing Corpses. From a London Letter. 1

Where is the person who, upon the first eager introduction to the gondola, has not felt that he is stepping into his coffin when, with scant grace, he creeps into the black cabin of the little black boat? With me the impression was perhaps deepened because in our passage up the canal we twice made way for a funeral procession bound for the island cemetery to the north of the city. The one funeral was that of a girl. She lay under a blue pall in the middle of the boat a crown of white flowers, symbolical of her wigninty, being over the pall. Both were flanked by tail candles. After the bodies came the friends in other gondolas, priests in violet and acciytes in scarlet.

The sun blazed upon all from the blue heavens, so that even this dolorous scene, enacted to the smooth, purpled water, between the high, mildewed old "palazzi," was not wholly melancholy. Where is the person who, upon the first enes

# FLORISTS IN SESSION.

Member of the Executive Committee.

BUFFALO, August 22—At the session here to-day of the American Society of Florists a National Chrysanthemum Society was organized, with the following officers: President, John Thorpe, Pearl River, N. Y.; Treasurer, John Lane, Chicago; Executive Committee, W. J. Betterman, Indianapolis; J. T. Anthony, Chicago; Robert Craig, Philadelphia; Alex Murdoch, Pittsburg; B. T. Critchell, Cincinnati. Member of the Executive Committee. M. A. Hunt of Terre Haute, Ind., stated tha the third annual chrysanthemum show would take place in Indianapolis November 5 to 9, in-clusive. Mrs. Harrison, wife of the President

The expiring ery of the Brown-Se elixir crare will probably be a large and ive "quack?"

# NEW YORK NOTEBOOK.

Ruined By the Racing Fever.

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'NEW YORK BUREAU SPECIALA!

NEW YORK, August 22.—William Johnson
was in a police court to-day, because he played
the races with his employer's money. He became bookkesper in the office of George Parker, produce dealer, five years ago. He was a
member of the Presbyterian church, a Sunday
school teacher, and altogether a model young
married man. He was trusted by Mr. Parker
with the handling of all the money in the office,
and his honesty was never doubted until a few
days ago. This afternoon an expert who had
been put on the books reported a shortage of
\$6,000, which has been increased upon further
investigations. "I think that this thievery has
been going on about six months," said Mr. Parker, "but I did not discover it until I drew my
youchers from the bank. Then I found that
Johnson had indersed a number of checks
which I had given him to pay off some of my
bills around the market. He hau forged the
name of the person to whom the check was
payable, on the back, and then added his own
name, getting some individual or friend to cash
the check" Johnson had his pocketful of payable, on the back, and then added his own name, getting some individual or friend to cash the check." Johnson had his pocketful of racing tickets when he was arrested. He confessed his guilt, and said he lost the money on the races. He had been tempted to go to a race course last spring, had caught the betting fever, and had been secretly betting ever since. Johnson has a young wife and two children.

# Out of Sight, but Not Forgotten.

The Rev. Dr. A. Schabekorn, a German Presbyterian clergyman, Republican stump speaker and agent for the Spelibinder Publishing Company, has disappeared from his home in Nyack, after overdrawing his account with the house he represented and pawning his wife's two gold watches. Up to the opening of wife's two gold watches. Up to the opening of the last campaign the Rev. Schabehorn devoted himself to preaching the gospel to German-Americans for \$400 a year. He was employed all last September and October by the Republi-can National Committee to make speeches in German districts of the State. When the Spellbinders began publishing their monthly magazine they engaged him, in recognition of his work last fall, to canvass for the advertising department. He was last seen a week ago at Niagara Falls. His friends are confident that he will fturn up soon to pay his bills, get his wife's jewelry out of pawn and support his nine

Another High Roller Comes to Grief. William Repper, receiver of taxes in New-own, L. I., is \$18,000 short in his accounts. At the end of the last financial year he was \$2,600 short, but his friends made up the amount and he was allowed to remain in office. Though his salary is small, he bought a saloon a short time ago, lost \$500 on Kilrain, and has played the races persistently all summer. Last Monday he ran away. He was found drunk in a neighboring town and arrested. He is no lober enough yet to make a confession.

Mrs. Carter Learning to Act. Mrs. Leslie Carter, late of Chicago, is said to be studying eight hours each day. She rarely leaves her room, and practices posing, fainting, emotionalizing and other like stage effects

with an industry which threatens to under-mine her health. She will make her debut in

Mrs. Mary Brennen is captain of the Salva-tion Army in Newark. Her husband is sertion Army in Newark. Her husband is ser-geant in the same regiment. Miss Mollie Langdon is one of the privates. When Captain Mary got home from headquarters last night she found Sergeant Brennen and Private Mollie drunk and asleep in her bedroom. She caught Mollie by the heels, dragged her to the front door and slid her head foremost down the steps to the street. Then she pounded her husband, the sergeant, until the police came. Judge Rodrigo to-day sent the trio to jail.

A Short and Sad Courtship. A Short and Sad Courtship.

Henry Aldridge, 28 years old, first met Margaret O'Brien, 21 years old, in a Bowery music hall at 8 o'clock last evening. At 9 o'clock he proposed marriage to her. At 10 o'clock they were engaged. At 11 o'clock they would probably have been married had not Margaret refused to become Mrs. Aldridge before she received some wedding presents. As it was, Aldridge quarreled with his fiances of two hours about the presents, till he loat his temper and began to thrash her with his came. Both were arrested and locked up. This morning Aldridge was fined \$5 and Margaret was sent to the Island.

There were lively times in Lehman's Canarsie Grove last night, the occasion being the second annual pienic of the First A. M. E. Zion Church, of Brooklyn, The whole colored population of the city turned out. A game of baseball had just been started, when a woman's voice was heard on the platform shouting. "Let me get at him!" The woman was as black as coal, and she evidently belonged to the Crow Hill contingent. The object of her wrath was a light-colored negro. "Take that, and that, you monkey face!" she shouted, as she siapped his face. The young man threw off his coat There were lively times in Lehman's Canara his face. The young man threw off his coat and made for his assailant. Half a dozen grabbed him and as many held the sister. "Let go o' me," he shouted. "I'se goin' to kill her dead." "I walk on yer, chile, if yer come near me," said the woman. "Huh!" In the rush from the platform another sister was knocked from the platform another sister was knocked down, and it so happened that the woman who had commenced all the trouble stepped on her. Sister No. 2 was a fighter from 'way back, and as she regained her feet she made for sister No. 1. Then there was a digring and clawing and scratching and pulling, until both women had pulled each other off the platform. There they were separated. "I'se a better woman than she is," shouted sister No. 2. "She can't walk on me." "I kill her dead if I get at her." walk on me." "I kill her dead if I get at her," said sister No. 1. "I strip her so she never knew she ware nuffin," continued sister No. 2. Sister No. 1, who had begun the mischief, was

#### put out of the grove. A Revival of Ship Building. from the Augusta (Me.) Journal. It is said that never in the history of Bath from early colonial times to the present day, a period of 281 years, have been on the stocks at

one time so many vessels as are now seen These vessels range all the way from a 300-ton schooner to a 3,000-ton ship, and in all there are Not Exactly an Ornament. from the Detroit Free Press. Queen Victoria has sent Bismarck a life size portrait of herself. It is believed to have more political significance than personal

# TRI-STATE TRIFLES.

beauty.

R. M. Thompson, of Rayne township, Indiana county, has, perhaps, the oldest watch in the county. It is of the bull's eye pattern, keeps correct time, and was made by James Luckhart, of Glasgow. The time-piece was purchased by Mr. Thompson's grandfather while crossing the ocean in June 1789, and consecutive has been in the Thompson family occasions. quently has been in the Thompson family over 100 years. The present owner is proud of it, and would not exchange it for the finest gold watch made.

Solomon Zook, an Ohio gentleman, aged 8 years, who is visiting triends in Mifflin county, distinguished himself by picking 200 quarts of aspherries in two days during the seas

A West Virginia girl has promised her lover to marry him when "the count for Governor is

The Indiana Progress says: Wilson Keener, of Reed's station, killed 36 snakes on his way to church on last Sabbath.

A very rare specimen of animal life was dis-covered in Summerhill township, Saturday night, on the farm of Mr. Henry H. Daven-port, father of George F. Davenport, Esq., of Meadville. Mr. Davenport set a trap for what he supposed to be a white skunk, and caught what turns out to be a genuine white wood-chuck.

A Canton, O., man undertook to eat 12 belle eggs in 15 minutes, and it took two doctors to bring him around again. A tond-stool three feet across and very beau-tifully colored was found in the woods above

Martin's Ferry recently.

Farmer O'Brien, of Venango county, heard his pigs making a great racket, and looked into the pen to see what was the matter. He discovered a five-foot blacksmake. He gave it a blow on the head, and the pigs then pitched in and assisted him in killing it.

#### CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

-A Chattanooga man tried the other day to pawn his false teeth to get money to buy

-Mrs. Kesterson, of Fulton, Ky., has five sons, and the birthday of each of them is July 24.

-Ansonia, Conn., has a 2-year-old boy who cries for cigars, and smokes them when they are given to him.

-A fish-hawk has built its nest on a chimney on Jonathan Hoffman's house, in Fishing Creek, Cape May county, N. J. -Louis Fenton, who is camping at Belle View, near Jamestown, N. Y., caught a 22-pound muskailonge the other day. It was 44 inches long and 4% inches across the back.

—The dramatis persons in the now celebrated Terry-Broderick duel numbered 13. The duel was fought early on the morning of September 13, 1858, within ten miles of the center of San Francisco. -The porgy factory at East Boothbay

Me., is at present producing porgy oil by the cargo. It sells at 25 cents per gallon, and is used largely for making "pure linseed" and for export for soap making. Of late Scotch soap makers have been taking a great deal of the -Within the last few weeks more than

voted to raising sisal hemp. The Bahamas had for some time lost all their commercial life, but the discovery that hemp would flourish there has wholly changed their prospects.

—An apple tree growing out from the solid rocks and bearing beautiful red-cheeked apples in abundance can be seen at the forebay in front of the immense pumps and engines at Fairmount water works. Philadelphia, not far from the Callowhill street entrance. The roots run along the wall, nourished by the earth lodged in the crevices. On Sunday last it was seen in perfection. -A few days ago two Arabs were found at Castle Garden, one of them named Ben Josef and the other Mohammed Ben Abdel Hirmir, who had come here to seek employ-

-A bird story was told by a lecturer in Buffalo the other evening that rivals the best fish story on record. This was the way it ran:

-The marvelous story telegraphed from

-At the dance in Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's stable at Newport, the other night, an improvised electric plant furnished the illumi-nations upstairs and down. Over the carriage nations upstairs and down. Over the carriage doors hung bright red peppers, and all over the ceiling were frescoes of pumpkins, squashes, ogg plants and other garden vegetables, the groundwork being of oak leaves, and oak leaves were used for the decorations of the sides, leaving places for floral panels in the shape of horse collars and yokes for oxen. Flowers were also made up to represent harnesses, hung about as if on pegs.

she told this story of her life: "I came here from Indianapolis on a freight train; rode all the way on the bumpers. I've been a trainp for two years, working when I had to, and begging for a living when it was possible. I never had a home, and never lived in a house. My father was a horse trader and peddler, and traveled all over the country in a wagon with my mother and myself. I suppose I was born in a wago as I never knew what it was to live in a house.

-Prof. B. T. Galloway, Chief of Section of Vegetable Pathology, Depa of Agriculture, has recently succeeded, result of practical experiments, in prod. remedy for the disease called pear leat and apple mildew, which annually cause. destruction to those trees. As a result of pra-tical experiments he feels justified in recom-mending it to the farmers and fruit growers as both efficacious and economical. The remedy consists of the application of a fungicide, with an appliance by which 50,000 plants were sprayed in a day and a half at a cost, not including labor, of \$4.75 for each application, five being required to secure good results.

-Jonathan and David Chace, twice Hampshire, in the year 1795, which makes them 94 years of age. Jonathan was a drummer and David a fifer in the same company mer and David a fifer in the same company and regiment during the war of 1812, but owing to some misunderstanding with other of the musicians of the regiment they did not leave New Hampshire. They both lived in Fall River, Wis., until two years ago, when David went back to New Hampshire and is living there at this time. Jonathan still resides in Fall River and is keeping house with his second wife. He saws and splits his store wood, works his garden and is at the postoffice about every day in the week.

A house belonging to a ferroman

# FUNNY MEN'S FANCIES.

A Corner Lot,-The community of Italian

poor that he complained of intellectual poverty; And yet that's just the thing that causes the maerial kind .- Puck. Higher Yet .- Mrs. Cadaby Scads-Signor

is it; is it a case of extreme necessity?

Caller-I-hic-should think-sho. Would you—
hic-please let me look at-hic-your directory
'till I-hic-find out where I live?-Life.

"I don't know what you mean, sir; and besides

KEEP YOUR TEMPER When you see another's toils Think your luckless self in clover; There was Job all over boils, But he never did boil over.

ne of them.

Boston Girl-What terrible laws you must have

out in Indianal What was the ism? Indiana Girl-Incendiarism, I believe, -Judge A Prediction Fulfilled .- "Young ladies," remarked Mr. Wanamaker to his sible class, "tell me what the prophet referred to when he said, "Seven women shall take hold of one

mind, "replied a girl who had been to Cape A Question of Conviction .-

50,000 acres have been bought in the Bahamas by British and American capitalists, to be de-

ment as camel drivers. The penniless Arabs were in despair when told that there was no such industry as camel driving in New York, and that they were unwelcomed guests in the land of the star-spangled banner. The Collector gave orders that they should be sent back.

fish story on record. This was the way it ran:
A certain man went gunning for parrots. He
stole up on a flock, picked out a bird at close
range, raised his gun, and was just about to
fire, when the bird saw him and called out:
"Won't grandmother give it to you when you
get home!" The man was struck all in a heap
with astonishment, dropped his gun and
yowed he never would go parrot snooting

—The marvelous story telegraphed from Chicago on Monday concerning the aerial journey made by little Sophie Schwab by means of a bunch of toy balloons, and her subsequent rescue, has been disproved by the testimony of those interested in selling balloons on the streets. Allowing that Sophie weighed at least 25 pounds, it would have taken 3,500 balloons of the ordinary size to hold her weight, and the idea of a peddler having as many toy balloons for sale on one day is beyond the bounds of probability.

-A girl tramp, wearing male attire, was arrested in Cincinnati one day this week on sus-picion of being a crook. At the station house he told this story of her life: "I came here from

—A horse belonging to a ferryman was on the boat at Irvine, Ky., and was in the act of drinking when he plunged forward from some cause and fell into the water up to his nose. With remarkable instinct he turned round and swam to the boat and made severa round and swam to the boat and made several efforts to crawl back into it, but it only served to push it further away. By this time he had drifted below the ferry, and he then made efforts to get out upon either bank. In this he also failed, as the banks were too steep. He then turned saids and swam down the middle of the river. The ferryman, Mr. White, made vain efforts to rescue his horse, and, watching him until he was out of sight, gave up all hopes of ever seeing him agate. Next morning the passengers on the Irvine stage were amused at the manner in which the ferryman was fondly caressing a horse which had just arrived, and later learned that the steamboat from Ford had picked up the swimming animal eight miles below. When dragged upon the boat he sank down, too completely exhausted to stand. When this became known the sympathizing passengers joined with Mr. White in his exuberance over the recovery of his noble steed.

Might does not always make right; but it m gets left.-Puck. Who ever heard of the literary man so

Robustino is going to sing at our reception.

Mrs. Waverly Plates—He's a tenor, in he not?

Mrs. Cadsby Scads—Oh, no, indeed! We couldn's
get him for a ceut less than \$63.—Puck. Time 2:30 A. M .- Druggist-Well, what

"Since you have insisted on trying on my hat, Miss Mabell, I shall certainy claim the for-

Down on the Isms .- Indiana Girl-No; I don't believe in these isms. I once knew a man who was sent to prison for devoting his time to

"He had the modern summer resort in his

A Question of Convertible
passion and worldly wisdom.

'Dear adored one, since your cruel parents will
not give their consent, what do you say to our
sloplug?''

'My soul's idol, nothing would suit me better
could I convince myself that it's my duty to go
without my woulding presents, "—/saggs,